

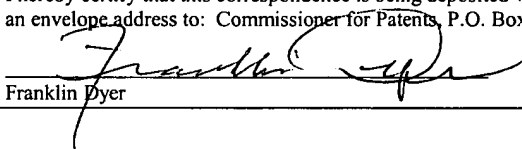


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ibrahim Abdulhalim et al.
Title: Periodic Patterns and Technique to Control Misalignment
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

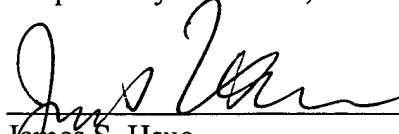
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, Claims 21-41, 44-52, and 55-87, Group III are hereby elected for examination, without traverse.

The undersigned appreciates the telephonic communication on March 18 with examiner Smith, in which it was pointed out that the misalignment characterizing the group III of claims is one between two diffracting structures (or two patterned structures with periodicity). This was acknowledged by the examiner.

Date: March 22, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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